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This paper's New York correspondent relies heavily on articles in the New York Times and says that while the country has for the moment lined up solidly behind Kennedy,

It is clear that one thing which will not be allowed to die down is the reason for the failure. Foremost in this connection are eyes on the Central Intelligence Agency under the direction of Allen Dulles ... New York Times writes on Saturday that it is now apparent that basic and inexcusably invalid calculations were made by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Information confirmed by apparently reliable reports from the deeply disillusioned refugee circles in Miami points to the fact that Dulles and his intelligence service contributed to the disunity among the anti-Castro refugees by giving almost entirely all of their support to a single group, the FRD under exiled politician Varona, while they ignored and boycotted Manuel Rays MRP movement which had the best underground organization in Cuba itself and which only during the very latest weeks received even a handshake.

In the public search for a scapegoat, many are to be found. Among the Cuban refugees bitterness is directed first toward Dulles' CIA men. But they will also lay responsibility to the American press and radio which weeks beforehand boomed out the news that an invasion force was being prepared. In fact the publicity was so blatant that there was reason to believe that it was intentionally designed to mislead the Cuban regime as to the true plans of the rebels. Now reality shows this not to have been the case and that it merely supports the charge of amateurishness and insufficient preparation. However the press' information was not manufactured out of thin air and must have been furnished by the same circles which are now criticising it (the press).

The foreign policy correspondent C. R. Gulstberger maintains it is obviously not only CIA that has failed, but that the organization stands altogether too much in the public spotlight. He indicates that Kennedy may replace Allen Dulles sooner than he would otherwise if Congress should demand a sacrificial lamb. More important than this, however, is to not radically lift CIA out of the public spotlight in which it has stood.